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SUBJECT: DEVIATION OF AEROFLOT FLIGHT FROM
APPROVED ROUTE

REFS: (A) BONN 19339; (B) BONN 18749; (C) STATE 272293;
(D) BONN 18336; (ALL 76)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AN INTERIM REPLY FROM THE
FOREIGN OFFICE TO OUR NOTE CONCERNING THE DEVIATION OF
AEROFLOT FLIGHT SU 297 ON OCTOBER 15, 1976, FROM ITS
APPROVED ROUTE (REF D).

2. FRG REPLY STATES FOREIGN OFFICE CONCERN OVER
DEVIATION. IN ADDITION, THE NOTE INFORMS EMBASSY THAT
THE BUNDESANSTALT FUER FLUGSICHERUNG IN FRANKFURT HAS
INITIATED A PROCEEDING AGAINST THE PILOT. IN THAT
REGARD, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE
IN THE MATTER. BY SEPTTEL, USAFELO HAS ASKED USAFE HQ
RAMSTEIN TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH ANY MATERIAL EVIDENCE
WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FOREIGN
OFFICE.

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3. BEGIN TEXT OF FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE.

THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE
RECEIPT OF ITS NOTE VERBALE NO. 376 OF OCTOBER 29,
1976 AND TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE BUNDESANSTALT FUER FLUGSICHERUNG IN FRANKFURT, HAVE REVEALED THAT THE OVERFLIGHT OF THE TERRITORY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY BY AN AEROFLOT TU-154, TRIP NUMBER SU-297, WAS HANDLED IN A ROUTINE MANNER BY THE GERMAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICE. THE RECORDER TRANSCRIPTIONS, PHOTO COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION, GIVE NO INDICATION THAT THE AIRCRAFT DEVIATED FROM ITS PRESCRIBED ROUTING. THE FLIGHT, HOWEVER, WAS ALREADY HANDED OVER FROM THE WEST RADAR CONTROLLER TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BRUSSELS AT 1418 50".

ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE CITED NOTE OF OCTOBER 29, A PROCEEDING WAS INITIATED BY THE BUNDESANSTALT FUER FLUGSICHERUNG BECAUSE OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. THE PILOT SO FAR HAS NOT INDICATED WHETHER HE IS PREPARED TO MAKE A STATEMENT REGARDING THE INCIDENT OR WHETHER HE WISHES TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHT TO REFUSE TO GIVE EVIDENCE. HE WAS THEREFORE AGAIN URGENTLY REQUESTED TO GIVE A REPLY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROCEEDING, THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF THE EMBASSY WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO HIM EVIDENCE MATERIAL ON HAND AGAINST THE PILOT (INCLUDING THE NAMES OF WITNESSES).

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BECAUSE OF THE SUSPICIOUS DEVIATION OF THE AIRCRAFT FROM ITS ROUTING, THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT IS LIKEWISE CONCERNED AND, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROCEEDING BY THE BUNDESANSTALT FUER FLUGSICHERUNG, WILL REVIEW IN DETAIL WHAT DIPLOMATIC STEPS VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION ARE INDICATED TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF ITS HIGHEST ESTEEM.

END TEXT.

4. WE PLAN TO INFORM UK AND FRENCH EMBASSIES OF THE FRG INTERIM REPLY.
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